

FRIEND OF POOR

Supervisor Henson Wants to Raise the Scale, Giving \$2 Instead of \$1 Orders.

MR. STOEY SUGGESTS WORKHOUSE

Committee is Named to Investigate the Proposition.

Starving paupers and the finances of Macon county were two subjects which were blended together in a discussion at the opening of the meeting of the county board of supervisors Tuesday afternoon.

The members indulged in quite a long discussion as to whether a man should have \$1 a week or \$2 a week to live on when the county is furnishing the money.

To Double Allowance.

The argument began when Supervisor Henson introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas all provisions and necessities of life are higher than usual and the amounts allowed paupers are not sufficient to maintain them for one week.

"Therefore be it resolved that we change article 2 on page 3 of the standing orders of the board so that the maximum amount allowed each pauper will be \$2 a week.

There was a discussion as to whether or not this amount was necessary. Mr. Henson said that the paupers could not live on \$1 a week and that the county could not starve them.

It was finally decided that the passage of the resolution would mean a changing of a rule and that one day's notice was necessary for such action. The matter was laid over until today.

The following explanation was given by James Steele, who had introduced the resolution in eight districts and only received \$2 pay. He thought \$6 more should be paid. The board decided that Mr. Steele must present a bill in regular form.

Ask Aid for Bridge.

The highway commissioners of Whitmore and Oakley township asked for county aid in building a bridge at Coulter's Mill. Referred to the road and bridge committee.

The commissioners of Friend's Creek township also asked for county aid in building a bridge and the petition was referred.

Superintendent Reports.

A. A. Jones, the county superintendent of schools, made his report for the quarter ending February 28, 1903.

The report showed the following figures: Amount of money received, \$12,425.45; cash received, \$530.09; notes paid, \$400; cash loaned, \$875; balance on hand in permanent fund, \$25.00. The balance on hand in the institute fund is \$58.98 and in the distributable fund, \$314.21. The report was referred to the finance committee.

Stoy Starts Workhouse.

The movement to establish in this city a workhouse has been given a start. Mr. Stoy was asked to tell about what he heard at the meeting of the supervisors held recently and his feature upon which he particularly dwelt was the fact that in other counties work houses were considered the best way to cure for tramps. He ended his speech by making a motion to have a committee of three members investigate the proposition.

This motion was carried and the committee at this session of the board.

GETS MENTION FOR BRAVERY

Harry Stephens, a Decatur Boy in U. S. Navy Saves Officers From Drowning

AFTER THEIR LAUNCH CAPSIZED

Harry Stephens, a former Decatur boy, has distinguished himself in the U. S. Navy and has received honorable mention by the navy department and has been recommended for promotion.

The young man was one of several sailors who jumped into the water and saved the lives of a number of officers.

The sailor is a son of John Stephens, the president of the cigar makers' union, who lives on East Wood street.

The brother of the Decatur boy is Wilber Stephens, who works in Mahan's cigar factory and he has just received a letter from his brother and in the letter was enclosed the commendation from the navy department.

Young Stephens has been in the navy department for several years and he is now connected with the ship Olympia which has been cruising in southern waters.

A number of officers were in a little launch which capsized. Stephens was one of the sailors who jumped into the water and saved the lives of a number of officers.

Members of the family of the young sailor and his family were proud of his bravery and were greatly pleased on learning that the navy department had recognized the acts.

ILLINOI FRIENDS CREEK

Tax Collectors Make Their Reports to County Treasurer.

Two of the township tax collectors, settled with the county treasurer Tuesday. The figures shown by the books returned were as follows:

Illini township, John Baumgartner, collector. Amount charged, \$11,326.63. Delinquent, \$133.16. Amount collected, \$11,192.53. Commission, \$222.57.

THE BARBERS AND THEIR BILL

Gray Claims Credit of Rescuing the Measure From an Unlikely and Insignificant Death.

TONSorial ARTISTS' OPINION

The local barbers are considerably interested in the bill regulating the licensing of barbers in this city which is now pending in the legislature. They seem to think that it would be well for the bill to be passed and some say that they would like to see the bill even more strict.

The bill as originally presented provides that before a man can work as a barber he must pass an examination before a board of commissioners and that he must successfully pass the examination. It also provides that a man conducting a barber shop must pay \$1 license fee. The commissioners are to be appointed by the governor or their clerks must come out of the fund derived from the license fees.

Some of the legislators were against the bill when it was first presented and there was not much left of the measure. It was then that the bill was introduced in this city and it was then that the amendments were made.

Mr. Gray says that the barbers can rest before the house and probably will receive more favorable action.

Local barbers say that the barber law would be a protection not only to the barbers, but to the patrons of the barbers who are well. In this connection one of the leading barbers said:

"As it is now, without any law regulating the work of a barber, any man can open a dirty shop and say he is a barber and call his place a barber shop. On every shop there would be requirements to meet and only first class men could be allowed to open shops. The license ought to be \$5 a year instead of \$1."

"If every barber was required to have a license as the bill provides the proprietor of a shop would know when he is hiring a competent man. There is more in the barber business than most persons imagine. It does not mean simply the scraping of a man's beard from his face or the cutting of his hair in the quickest way.

A man's hair may be ruined and baldness caused by careless barbering who does not understand his work and many men who would give almost any sum of money to keep from being bald frequently having their hair cut by men who do not understand the business."

"It is an easy matter for a man to catch some disagreeable skin disease if he is badly shaved or if unclean tools are used. The cure of the face and hair are very important and barbers ought really to be required to graduate in a course of study the same as a physician or dentist before being allowed to practice. All first class barbers want to give the best work to their patrons and say that a bill regulating the barber business is a good thing."

SOME ODD EPITAPHS.

More Expressive and Truthful Than Poetic.

W. E. Curtis in the Record-Herald.

George C. Mayo tells me that in St. John's churchyard in his native town of Devizes, Wiltshire, England, there is an epitaph upon a tombstone reading as follows:

Here lies I. Killed by a sky-rocket in my eye.

William Whitman writes me that in Wayland, N. H., is the grave of the original mugwump, whose epitaph reads as follows:

"Here lies the body of Dr. F. A. Hayward. A man who never voted."

In the neighboring town of Wendell, the following may be found on the tombstone of another cranky person: "Here lies the body of Samuel Proctor. Who lived and died without a doctor."

Near Glens Falls, N. Y., in a Baptist cemetery is the following epitaph, evidently written by a railroad man: "She was taken sick at twelve forty-five."

"And died at five fifteen the next morning."

Near Auburn, N. Y., is the following significant inscription upon the tomb of a man who must have been very disagreeable:

"Here lies a man beneath this sod. Who slandered all men except his God. And Him he would have slandered too. But that his God he never knew."

BONFIRE IS COMING.

Sheriff Thrift Will Destroy Implements of Gamblers.

Sheriff Thrift has not yet decided what he will burn the gambling implements in his possession. It will probably be done within the next few days. The circuit clerk has furnished orders specifying the furniture which include the desks or chairs but everything else must be consumed by fire.

The sheriff's force has had so much work on hands during the past few days that the burning of the gambling implements was postponed from day to day. There is no fire on hand and it will make a big fire.

JUDGE VAIL WILL COME BACK.

Expected to Take Up Practice of Law in Decatur.

It is expected that Judge E. P. Vail will return to Decatur in June to practice law. He is now holding court for Judge Burke at Chicago and has term of office expires with the election in June. For some time past Judge Vail has been undecided as to whether he would locate in Chicago or return to Decatur. It is now understood that he expects to come back to this city.

WHERE SHE BELONGS.

Jennie Cline Will Probably Go To Reform School.

Jennie Cline, the little girl who is supposed to be crazy and who was in custody of the county jail, is still in custody. State's Attorney Redmon wrote to an address the girl gave few days ago that if the girl was not within a reasonable time she would be sent to a more institution. She declares herself that the reform school would be the best place for her.

Austria Cultivating Tea.

Last year the Austrian government made the first trials to cultivate tea plants on the coast of Dalmatia, in the districts around the town of Spalato. These experiments having proven very satisfactory, further trials are to be made in the course of this year.

ACTIVE SEASON

Real Estate Transactions This Spring the Largest in a Number of Years.

RECORDS ARE PROVING IT.

Prices Show That Macon Land is Still Worth Having.

The recording business in the office of the circuit clerk still continues to be large. Tuesday twenty deeds were filed for record besides mortgages and other instruments.

There is always a big business about the first of March and for several days preceding and following for the reason that most of the country property changes hands March 1.

This year however, the rush of business has kept up. Every day there has been a large number of deeds filed while it is usually the case that a few days after March 1 the business is very light for several weeks. The supply of real estate deals in this county appears this year to be greater than at this season for a number of years past.

The number of deeds filed for record Tuesday was nearly as great as the number filed Monday, March 2, which was supposed to be the big day of the year. For the past week the business has been nearly as large each day.

The real estate men say that these facts simply indicate that there is a big move in real estate this year and that the indications are favorable for a good year in the real estate business.

The deeds filed Tuesday were as follows: Robert E. Clifton to Mary Clifton a lot in block 2 in Powers' first addition to Decatur \$1500.

Minnie L. Richter to Genevieve Cordell, lot 1 in block 2 of Powers' first addition to Decatur \$1200.

Florence N. Catto to Charles J. Bassett, lot 1 in block 1 of Northside Park addition to Decatur \$1100.

William B. Hunter to George B. Spitzer, lot 2 in block 3 in S. K. Smith's survey of lots in Mt. Zion \$1400.

Wenden C. Smith to Maria R. Smith, all interest of J. Davis Smith in a tract in section 4, township 15, range 3 east \$37.

Hiram Johnson to Morton Grant lot 10 in block 4 of Urban Place \$1000.

Nora Fanning to Charles O. Young lot 4 in block 3 of South addition to Decatur \$1200.

Morton Grant to Joseph Mills lots 1 and 2 in block 5 of Urban Place \$500.

Morton Grant to Martha W. Hardy lot 3 in block of Urban Place \$300.

Quit Claim Deeds.

Ellen Gavin to Maria Fitzpatrick lot 24 in block 2 of J. K. Warren and Co's fourth addition to Decatur \$1.

William M. Harpstrite to George Harpstrite lots 7 and 8 in block 3 of Platter, Martin and Gattling's addition to Decatur \$1000.

Weeden C. Smith et al to Maria R. Smith a tract in the southwest quarter of section 4, township 15, range 3 east \$1.

Mary E. Henderson to Maria R. Smith, same \$1.

Anna Green to Maria R. Smith, same \$1.

W. B. Will to Mardaleen Boll the south half of the northeast quarter of section 6, township 14, range 1 east \$1.

Elijah S. McCarty to Lydia McCarty, same \$1.

W. B. Rogers' fourth addition to Decatur \$1.

MAY BE FINED FOR CONTUMPT

Valentine McWithey Has Failed to Obey Mandate in Divorce Proceedings.

The trial of the divorce suit of Bushart-Hill took up most of the day in the circuit court Tuesday. Witnesses were introduced by the attorney for the plaintiff to show that Mr. Hill has allowed horses to run in the house previous to the time it was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bushart and boards in the floor causing Mrs. Bushart to fall and injure her knee.

The docket entries Tuesday were as follows: Chancery.

John W. Redmon vs. Jeremiah Turpin trustees et al, chancery; rule extended to eighth Monday.

Eliza McWithey vs. Valentine McWithey, divorce; rule on defendant to show cause why he should not be attached for contempt of court for failure to pay fees by Friday morning.

Common Law.

Bert Hawkins vs. William Perrine, trespass on the case; judgment against defendant for verdict of \$500 and costs.

NEARBY TOWNS

Maroa.

Mr. Burnham, who left Thursday for a ten days' visit, left friends in Bloomington and Chicago very pleasantly entertained a number of his friends on Wednesday evening. Cards, music and dancing were the amusements of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Miss Nell Crossman of Warrensburg is the guest of the family of her sister, Mrs. Harry Stoutenborough.

Mrs. George S. Edmonston of Clinton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Compton, yesterday.

John Knott of Clinton is visiting his father, James Knott.

E. J. B. Whiting returned to his home at Janesville, Wis., Tuesday. The doctor is a brother of Mrs. E. E. Andrews.

George S. Cooper has returned from Bushnell, where he has been conducting a battle for several months.

Patrick Hehr of Wapella was in Maroa on business last Friday.

Calvin Braden returned from an extended visit to Morse, La., last Monday.

Ex-Mayor R. E. Persinger was in Stoughton last Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Edmonston were in Clinton last Monday.

Mrs. J. F. Harris visited Clinton friends last Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Stafford is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Custer, of Pontiac. Marshal Huff and family visited the family of John Williams at Weldon this week.

Joseph Miller of Findlay was in Maroa the first of this week.

Mrs. Wm. Malone of Decatur was visiting friends in Maroa on Monday.

Mrs. George Edmonston of Clinton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Compton, on Thursday.

The republican and democratic committees have called both primaries for the nomination of a township ticket for Saturday, the 21st instant.

George S. Cooper, who has been conducting a battle and restaurant all winter at Bushnell, has disposed of his interests there, and returned to Maroa.

W. F. Leach of Indiana visited the family of J. M. Barracks this week.

S. Snodgrass and family, late of De Witt, moved to the Cox farm on the Bloomington road, north of Maroa.

James Randall and family of Lintner, who have been visiting relatives in Maroa and vicinity for several days returned to their home last Monday.

Mrs. David Smart visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Richey, near Warrensburg, the first of this week.

Mrs. George Vantres was called to Decatur last Monday on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Charles Lyman returned Sunday from a visit to Mobile, Alabama, and New Orleans.

Miss Kate Campbell of Chicago is visiting the family of Peter Swan.

Mrs. Frank Cooper, children of Decatur are visiting relatives in Maroa.

Tom C. Eydland of Weldon was in Maroa last Wednesday.

William H. Harts of Bloomington was here the first of the week making some real estate loans.

J. W. Wilcox of Brookings, S. D., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Schick, of Maroa.

Miss Mary Young of Kenney visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wyson, this week.

Mrs. Charles F. Schenck is visiting relatives in Springfield.

S. Adams of Moweaqua visited relatives in Maroa Sunday.

EARLY

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WE HAVE NOW READY FOR YOUR INSPECTION

Our Spring Stock of Clothing

Which is certainly the Most Attractive we have ever shown.

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Newest Fabrics

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Reliable Clothing.



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On Sunday afternoon, March 8 to 3.

L. D. Guigay spent Sunday in Bement with friends.

Miss Jewel Bradley of Findlay is visiting friends and relatives in Bement.

N. E. Hinton left Tuesday for his farm near Harvard, Ill.

Miss Georgia Stewart of Chicago is visiting relatives in Bement.

Mrs. B. Alford is visiting her daughter in Centralia.

Miss Marcella Fleming has had an attack of la grippe the past week.

Mrs. L. A. Moore is quite sick.

Miss Bessie Coffin is ill.

Mr. Melbourne "the popular science demonstrator," entertained a large and attentive audience at the town hall Saturday evening. Every point was illustrated clearly by either chart or model or some piece of his splendid equipment.

J. C. Evans one of Bement's oldest citizens, died at his home Thursday morning at 6 o'clock after a brief illness. The funeral was held at the family residence Saturday at 11 a. m. The remains were conveyed to the cemetery by a special car at one p. m.

Miss Kate Dawson is spending a few weeks in Indianapolis studying millinery styles.

March 9.

Lake City.

At the regular meeting of L. O. O. F. lodge No. 399 on Thursday evening the following officers were elected:

Noble Grand, G. W. Tohill; vice grand, Noble Lee; secretary, O. M. Dickson; financial secretary, L. G. Marlow; treasurer, G. L. Selders; trustees, L. G. Marlow, Chas. Dickson, George Gifford, T. G. Willis and Edward Buehert.

Wilbur Redfern, Joe Sherman, Chas. Dickson and Sam Dickey went to the public sale at Harvey City Thursday.

Mrs. James Morrison and A. C. Foley were Decatur callers Thursday.

Sam Edgcomb of Decatur came out Friday to visit his brother Leonard.

John Shuel and wife were at Lovington Thursday.

G. W. Vansickle and wife, R. T. Lee, Chas. Dickinson, Wm. Griswold, Miss Sallie Byrnam and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell were Decatur visitors Saturday.

G. L. Selders and daughter, Lina, and T. M. Hume and Leonard Edgcomb were Decatur visitors Monday.

George Lacost of Dalton City visited G. L. Selders and family Sunday.

Frank Towers was a Lovington caller Monday.

March 10.

Forsyth.

A. C. Benton of Oreana was in our village Sunday.

Miss Mary Parkhurst who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Decatur.

Edgar Dobson and wife visited Mrs. Dobson's parents Sunday.

B. O. Good of Vicksburg, Miss., who is visiting his parents in Decatur, visited Decatur visitors Monday.

H. Roby of Mowry Sunday.

Robert Benton attended the basketball game in Decatur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haskell visited her parents a few days this week.

Mabel Roby who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is better.

March 9.

Clinton.

Mrs. Margaret Carle, widow of the late Joshua Carle, died at her home in Wapella Monday. She was 95 years old. The funeral was held March 8 in Wapella.

Charles Winslow has commenced a new suit for divorce from his wife, Laura Winslow. This suit was commenced by the court of both parties.

Mrs. M. Nicolai will open a new millinery store on the south side of the square in the near future.

George Peters and Anna Peters of Wapella have commenced suit for \$2,000 damages against J. F. Fleming, Jr. Moore has filed the principle in a suit for \$200 damages against Harry Cline.

The suit is brought on an alleged contract for hay which Mr. Moore says he bought from the defendant and the latter refuses to deliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stum celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 6. A silver wedding was also observed by Judge and Mrs. G. K. Ingham.

Owen Arnold, aged 70 years, died at his home in the south part of the city today. He had been an invalid for over two years.

Miss Augusta Boswell went to Danville Saturday, where she has accepted a position.

Owen Audgen came Saturday morning for a three weeks' visit with his parents.

Mrs. John Fannuller returned from a visit in Chicago Sunday.

H. W. Buckle spent Monday in Chicago.

Dr. F. E. Auten spent a few hours between trains with friends here Sunday.

Miss Clara Phillips went to her home in Decatur Friday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. W. F. Bercher returned to Decatur Saturday after several days' visit with her sister, Mrs. M. R. Davidson.

Miss Laura Kratz who is attending the Art Institute at Chicago, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Emma Lylellyn and son of La Grange attended the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Platt Sunday.

Miss Clo Woolington went to Champaign Sunday, where she has accepted a position.

Joseph E. Evans suffered a paralytic stroke in his left side Sunday morning.

Miss Rhoda Jackson went to Chicago Sunday morning to buy her spring stock.

The funeral service of Mrs. Mattie Platt was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Will P. Lodge, Mrs. Platt was born at Circleville, O., March 12, 1838, and died at Danville March 6, after a long illness. She leaves three sons, William, John and Donn, and one daughter, Josephine. The services were conducted by Rev. J. Danney and Rev. H. G. Gleiser, internment in the new cemetery.

BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE

Attend the regular Wednesday night dance at S. of V. hall tonight.

DO NOT FORGET TO ATTEND "THE CHRISTIAN," THE USHERS' BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT TUESDAY NIGHT, MARCH 17, AT OPERA HOUSE.

You pay a little more for the clothes that Denz makes, but—

Don't forget the Woman's Relief Corps supper, March 12, at the G. A. R. hall.

M. & J. MAIENTHAL, Tailors.

ATTEND THE GRAND BALL TO BE GIVEN BY THE COURT OF HONOR AT GUARDS' ARMY, MARCH 17.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors, the "Royal Neighbors" and also the members 1826 Camp M. W. of A. who rendered us much kind assistance in our hours of sorrow.

J. F. Geipford and Family.
DON'T FORGET RUMMAGE SALE ONE DOOR WEST KIPP'S GROCERY

Notice.
All foundry employees are expected to report for work Wednesday morning at 7:00 o'clock. Our oil has been received. H. Mueller Mfg. Co.

Going to California.
It don't cost much to go there now and the cars are so much more comfortable than they used to be. The Personally Conducted Tourist parties which leave every week from Chicago and St. Louis for California over the Burlington Route afford the most interesting and generally satisfactory way of going. You are in good safe hands all the way, for one of our expert men goes with each party to look after the comfort and convenience of the patrons. If you are interested will you not send to me for a folder map which tells all about these excursion parties?

P. S. Eustis, Passenger Traffic Manager C. & N. Ry. Co., Chicago.

FOREIGNERS GET A CHANCE

To Bid on Construction of German Battleships.

Berlin, March 10.—In the reichstag today, the socialists made a strong effort to reduce the appropriations for battleships, but were defeated. A number of small vessels, however, were cut out entirely or the cost reduced.

It was also decided that bidding for the construction of battleships shall be open to the widest competition, admitting foreign bidders if necessary.

Cashier Jumps Bond.
Eureka, Kan., March 10.—W. T. Dickerson, cashier of the defunct Toronto state bank which was taken charge of by a state bank examiner January 24, with liabilities of \$40,000 is missing. Dickerson was arrested a month ago, but was released on \$2000 bonds.

Sweden's Claim Against Castro.
Washington, Feb. 10.—Ministers Grip and Ewen this afternoon signed a protocol providing for the settlement of the claims of Sweden and Norway against Venezuela along the terms laid down in the United States protocol.

Joint Use of Tracks.
Bloomington, March 10.—The Chicago & Alton and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy are considering the joint use of tracks between St. Louis and Kansas City. The arrangement will shorten the Alton line of 40 miles, and give the Burlington entrance into Kansas City from St. Louis.

Patronize Home Industry
Buy The J. M. Miller Co.
High Grade Broom

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

NINE ROOM RESIDENCE.
F. W. Andrews is erecting a nine room residence at 1272 East Locust street which is to cost \$2000.

REVIVAL.
Rev. T. Jackson of the A. M. E. church is conducting a revival at the church on Spring avenue.

HELPING REV. JACKSON.
Geo. A. Brown president of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Institute for colored children at Danville, is in the city assisting Rev. Jackson of the A. M. E. church in his revival meetings. Mr. Brown is accompanied by Prof. J. H. Shreve the superintendent. Arrangements are being made by these educators to take one or two more boys to the institute. Mr. Brown reports the work as progressing regardless of the usual opposition.

K. OF P. MEETING.
Chevalier Bayard Lodge No. 189, K. of P. met last night at their hall in the library block and conferred upon the merits of the candidates for the second and third degrees. Members from Corro, Gordo, Garrett, Monticello, Blue Mound and Forsyth were present. After the regular meeting there followed a social hour and entertainment for the out of town members. Supper was served about 11:30.

TO NEW ORLEANS.
Will Armstrong will go to New Orleans this morning for a visit of about six weeks.

NO TEAM.
Instructor Covington of the Y. M. C. A. wrote a short time ago to Bloomington for a basket ball game with the team of that city and received a reply Tuesday that as they did not have a satisfactory team they could not play.

HEARD REPORTS.
The miners at the mine on East Eldorado street last night and heard reports of the delegates who attended the convention at Springfield.

WEDS AT ST. LOUIS.
At St. Louis Tuesday a marriage license was issued to W. E. Bullock and Lulu M. Woodward, both of Decatur.

AN APPEALED CASE.
Anna Parsons who conducts a business known as the American Picture and Engraving company is the plaintiff in a suit which has been appealed from Justice O'Mara's court to the circuit court. The defendant and appellant is E. B. Dimock against whom a judgment for \$27 was given in the justice court.

THE NEW RAILS.
The rails for the Decatur Traction and Electric company extensions will begin to arrive the latter part of this month. The work will be started as soon as the ground is dry enough. The first work will be to lay the rails on North Water street from the Washburn tracks to Condit street.

PERCIVAL CHUBB'S BOOKS.
One of the new books placed on the shelves at the public library Monday morning is the work of a man well known in Decatur. The book is entitled "The Trilobite of English" and the author is Percival Chubb, the son-in-law of Dr. R. L. Walston. Mrs. Chubb's wife was formerly Miss Lou Walston.

SCARLET FEVER.
A case of scarlet fever has been reported at 1623 East Eldorado street.

JAMES HEDLEY COMING.
James Hedley will lecture at the opera house March 16th under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. His subject will probably be "The Sunny Side of Life."

WOMAN'S GRIT.

Mrs. S. L. Gray Proves Equal to Any Emergency in Carrying Mail.
Mrs. S. L. Gray is demonstrating to the postmaster general that a woman can carry mail even though he insists that no more shall be appointed on rural routes. She covers a route every other day. The other day when her horse nearly stalled in the mud and broke the single tree she was equal to the task of unhitching and substituting an extra tree carried in the wagon.

SOCIALY SPEAKING

At her home at 1608 East William street, on Monday night, Miss Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Smith, was surprised by a number of her young friends who had arranged a party in honor of her birthday anniversary. The party included Leola Edna Barnes, Florence Sowash, Leola Ballou, Vella Edwards, Edna Hyatt, Edna and Allie Spooner, Florence Heigold, Edna and Frank Smith, Ray Edwards, Heustis Crews. In entertaining the little folks Mrs. Smith was assisted by Misses Della Shively, Katie Lally and Edna Barnett.

The Sons of Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary had a picnic supper at their hall on South Water street Tuesday evening. About sixty persons were present and games and dancing served to entertain the company. Miss Fern furnished the music. The committee in charge of the arrangements was composed of Robt. and Web Foster and J. M. Shultz.

The members of the Baptist chorus met last night at the home of Miss Sallie Struges, 276 West Prairie street, and practiced some selections that are to be sung at a series of sermons that are to be preached by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, beginning next Sunday evening. The selections are from the oratorio of Esther.

ECCENTRIC PROPOSALS.

How Some Great Men Popped the Question.

That there is no accounting for the eccentricities of lovers is sufficiently proved by the odd methods in which many of the world's great men have wooed and won their wives.

When Schumann, the famous composer, fell head over heels in love with Clara Wieck, his master's daughter, his path of courtship was by no means one of roses, for Herr Wieck had no wish to see his only daughter the wife of a penniless musician, and he forbade the young lovers to hold any communication with each other. But love laughs at parental frowns, and as Schumann could not even write to his lady love he poured out his soul to her in a series of "Letters to Clara," printed in a musical journal of which he was editor.

When the time was ripe for settling his destiny he made music the vehicle of his passion, and actually proposed to Clara on the piano under the nose of her father, without a single word being uttered, and received a joyful assent through the same medium. Edison's method of wooing was no less eccentric. One day he strolled into one of his workrooms and stood behind the chair of a pretty operator who was absorbed in her work. When the girl glanced around and, looking shyly up at him, said, "I knew it was you Mr. Edison. I always knew when you are near, he answered, to her amazement:

"I've been thinking a great deal about you lately, and if you are willing to marry me I would like to marry you." A month later the pretty employee was promoted to a "partnership" which she has never since regretted. Spohr won his wife with equally dramatic suddenness. After playing a duet at a court concert with Doretta Scheidler, a beautiful and gifted harpist, and while the tumult of applause was still ringing in their ears, he said to his companion, "Shall we play together thus through life?" For answer "the lady burst into tears and sank into his arms."

One day when Dr. Dawson, an eloquent preacher of a century ago, called to see Miss Corbett, a wealthy admirer of his oratory, for whom he had conceived a not altogether platonic affection, he found her reading the bible. Stealing up behind her he looked over her shoulder to see what she was reading, when, without showing any recognition of his presence, the lady's forefinger rested on the words of Nathan to David: "Thou art the man." Even a less marked hint would have been sufficient for Dr. Dawson, and we cannot wonder that Miss Corbett soon changed her name.

Dr. Abernethy, the famous physician, was as abrupt in his courtship as in his treatment of his patients. When, after a single meeting, he decided that Miss Anna Threlfall would make a desirable life partner, he promptly wrote to tell her so in a direct, business like way. He told her frankly that he was "much too busy a man to have time to spare for love-making," but if she was willing to marry him she might let him know in a week. Miss Threlfall did let him know, and the answer was favorable.

Gainsborough's wooing was made almost absurdly easy for him. He had completed a portrait of Miss Burr, a charming young lady of sixteen summers, when his fair sitter was so delighted with her presentment, that she more than hinted that while she took the copy the artist might claim the original. Gainsborough did not decline such a tempting offer.

For constancy it would be difficult to find a rival for Jeremy Bentham. In early manhood Jeremy Bentham proposed for the hand of a young lady, who promptly refused him. Forty years later he renewed his offer with the same result; and still loyally cherishing his love in old age, he proposed again at the age of 80 in a touching letter, in which he wrote: "Since the day when you presented me with the flower in the lane, not a single day has passed in which you have not engrossed my thoughts."

Bismarck's iron resolution was never better demonstrated than in his love-making. At his first meeting with the lady who was to share his life for so many years he proposed to her and was accepted, and on the following day, presenting himself at the house of her parents who knew him only as a young man of undesirable reputation, he demanded the young lady's hand and refused to leave the house until his suit was granted.

Probably no gallant who ever laid his heart at a fair lady's feet was more undecided than Lord Byron when he wrote the letter which committed him to his unhappy marriage with Miss Milbank. He had just proposed to another lady, and, as he held her letter of refusal in his hand, he said to a friend: "It seems that it is to be Miss Milbank after all; I will write to her." He sat down and wrote the "fatal letter," handing it to his friend for perusal. "A pretty letter," the friend remarked, after reading it. "It's a pity."

that it shouldn't go." "Then it shall go," exclaimed Byron, and thus opened one of the most tragic chapters of his checkered life story.

SPLINTERS OF SPORT.

At Philadelphia Monday night Jeffords and O'Brien sparred ten rounds and then started a rough house. As the gong sounded in the tenth round Jeffords and O'Brien were clinched. O'Brien extended his hand to shake that of Jeffords. The Californian made an uncomplimentary remark. O'Brien replied to it in kind. Jeffords made a dash at him and before the trainers could interfere Jeffords had O'Brien on the floor and was using both hands and feet on him. The face of the Californian was covered with blood. Twice as he was pulled off he broke away and rushed at O'Brien. The latter appeared to be perfectly cool. Jeffords was excited and wanted to fight it out. The boarding of the decision to O'Brien killed Jeffords and caused the trouble.

Bob Fitzsimmons left Pittsburgh for his home in New York with articles of agreement in his possession to fight Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. "Fitz" said he would secure a certified check for \$5,000, and will return Saturday to cover the \$5,000 placed with Al Smith by Jack O'Brien.

Johnson says everything is arranged for the grounds of the American league in New York, but mums the word.

Andrew Tokell, the English bantam-weight champion, who was so easily defeated by Harry Forbes, has been named to fight Danmy Dougherty at Philadelphia next Friday night.

Stanley Robison announces that Burke has been released to St. Louis, Kruger to Pittsburgh and Brashear to Philadelphia.

The latest exhibition schedule of the Chicago National league club leaves Decatur out.

Manager McFarland will be here tomorrow.

Here is an outside opinion on Three I league matters. The Elgin News says: "On paper, Rockford and Bloomington look to be the strongest with pitchers—Owens, Doherty and Vaughan, all three with the club last season. In addition the signed contract of Kilian is expected. Kilian is agreeable in black, white, and all colors, 35c. Many styles of wash stocks, 29c, 35c and 50c. Irish Point lace turn over collars, 75c and \$1.25.

JERUSALEM'S SEPULCHER.

Theory by a French Savant That the Crusaders Created It.

The holy sepulcher in Jerusalem, for which pilgrims have yearned and Crusaders have died—is this so-called holy sepulcher really the tomb of Christ, or is it the creation of those same Crusaders themselves?

To raise the question at all, after so many centuries of unquestioning veneration, seems strange, but there is no denying that doubts have been mooted, and, having been mooted, it is just as well that they should be openly stated, if only to have them the more effectually dispelled.

In such a cause the personality of the devil's advocate could hardly fail to be of interest, even were it less fantastically picturesque than it really is. For those who really know that mysteriously assorted region of the intellectual life of Paris where all the most daring spirits in letters and art meet in a continually wild borderland of unrestrained ecstasies, the name will be enough. It is that of M. Peladan, the ring-leader of all that intellectual rebellion. Peladan is a decadent of the decadents. The son of a father who won some distinction in literature at a devotional stamp, he has flown off at the tangent of non-natural magic. He is steeped in a mental atmosphere of weird orientalisms to the point of discarding the highly reputable "mon-sieur" of his Gallic forbears for the "Sar" of the Persian magi, and his marvellously wide acquaintance with the literature, the art, and the symbolism of the middle ages and the Renaissance can find no higher expression than the production of a long series of so-called romances of eastern occultism.

His view may be untenable—it may be even absurd—but at least M. Peladan writes with a personal knowledge of Palestine, its primitive history and traditions, such as is possessed by few. He has traveled there much and often, drawn mainly by certain afflities of mysticism within himself to the scene of the life of the most tragically mystical figure in the world's history. All that he has learned, dreamed, and felt as the result of these wanderings in the lands of the New Testament, are summed up in his latest book, "The Land of Christ," and it is, not altogether inappropriately, as an appendix to this volume that he ventilates his doubts as to the claims of the holy sepulcher to be considered genuine, in the form of a "Letter to the Pope."

Perhaps it is scarcely fair to Peladan to describe his theory as a "doubt." In point of fact he has no doubts at all upon the matter. In his view the sepulcher is certainly not that in which the body of Christ was laid at his entombment.

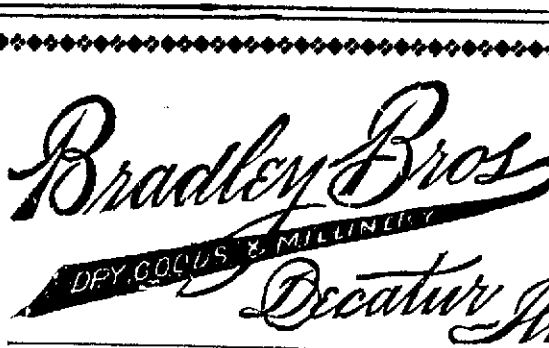
Briefly stated, his case is this: The Emperor Constantine, after the invention of the cross upon Mount Calvary by his mother, the Empress Helena, set himself successfully to work to discover the tomb of Christ upon Mount Moriah, and having discovered it, he built over it a basilica, which was named the Anastasis. This basilica, still standing when Jerusalem fell into the hands of the Moslems, was by them converted into a mosque, and so remains, or another does upon its site, to the present day, under the title of the Mosque of Omar. Expelled thus from their temple overshadowing the very cradle of the Christian faith, as the tomb of his divine founder may be deemed, the Christians consoled themselves with an exact replica, built from a model in wax executed by an Italian architect, named Avuluto, in the Italian quarter of Jerusalem adjacent to the then all-powerful mosque of Amrallah. To this imitation of their lost shrine Christian devotion took with all the tenderness of bereaved motherhood to its changing young.

So much was this the case that during the brief period of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem established by Godfrey de Bouillon and his crusaders, no attempt was made to interfere with the original Anastasis or its venerable shrine, that it shouldn't go." "Then it shall go," exclaimed Byron, and thus opened one of the most tragic chapters of his checkered life story.


One Reason.

"What is the fascination about those stories of arctic travel, anyhow?" "I think it comes from the knowledge that there are places on the earth where the people suffer more from cold weather than we do here."

A Correction.
In an interview with Dr. A. R. Taylor published yesterday it was stated that 25,000 houses had been destroyed at Jacksonville, Florida and 2900 reported. The figures should have read 2800. An error in correcting the proof changed the sense of the article.



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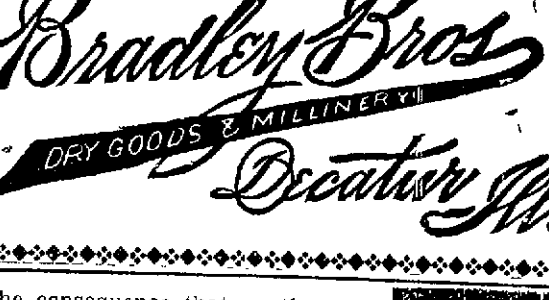
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